

State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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11:00 a.m. August 11, 2005

MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING

Evergreen Plaza Bldg. Room 206 711 Capitol Way South Olympia, Washington

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Earl Tilly, Chair Bill Brumsickle, Secretary

Via Telephone: Jane Noland, Vice Chair Ken Schellberg, Member

STAFF PRESENT

Doug Ellis, Assistant Director Kurt Young, Compliance Officer Nancy Krier, Senior Counsel Linda Dalton, Sr. Asst. Attorney General Chip Beatty, Secretary

The special meeting of the Public Disclosure Commission was called to order by Commission Chair Earl Tilly at 11:00 a.m. in the Evergreen Plaza Building, Room 206, Olympia, Washington.

Enforcement

Puget Sound Regional Council, Port of Everett, Port of Seattle and Port of Tacoma, Case #06-001 Doug Ellis explained that a 45-day citizen action letter alleged violations of RCW 42.17.130 by Puget Sound Regional Council, Port of Everett, Port of Seattle and Port of Tacoma for using or authorizing the use of public facilities to oppose Initiative 912.

The complainant alleged that the public agencies had authorized the use of their names as opponents of the initiative.

Staff recommended that the allegations be dismissed because they were not substantiated.

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Motion 06-05

Moved by Commissioner Brumsickle, seconded by Commissioner Noland:

In PDC case #06-001, the Commission recommends the office of the Attorney General take no further action on this citizen action complaint.

The motion passed unanimously.

Reporting Modifications New

Chris Hoeppner, Candidate, Mayor, City of Seattle

Kurt Young reported that Mr. Hoeppner requests an exemption from listing the name and address of campaign contributors and vendors. The campaign would provide a list of contributors and vendors by assigning code numbers in lieu of names and addresses. It would also provide zip codes. Mr. Hoeppner also requests an exemption from making this information available for public inspection during the eight days preceding an election where his name appears on the ballot.

Staff recommended approval of a partial modification.

Motion 06-06

Moved by Commissioner Brumsickle, seconded by Commissioner Schellberg:

The Commission grants a partial modification to Chris Hoeppner for his 2005 mayoral campaign to include:

- Disclosing contributor and vendor information by assigning code numbers and reporting those codes together with the amount of funds contributed or paid;
- Disclosing employer and occupation for individuals that contributed more than \$100 by assigning code numbers;
- Providing the zip code information for contributors and vendors;
- Making available public disclosure reports for public inspection during the eight days before the election, but not the books of account; and

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 If the PDC determines a review of the applicant's books of account is necessary, the records shall be made available to an independent third party mutually agreed to by the applicant and the PDC.

The Commission finds that literal application would cause a manifestly unreasonable hardship on the applicant and that a limited modification would not frustrate the purposes of the act.

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Schedule

The Commission set its meeting schedule for the remainder of 2005:

Thursday, September 15, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, October 27, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 30, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.

Executive Session

The Commission went into executive session at 11:27 a.m. to discuss pending and potential litigation with legal council.

<u>Adjournment</u>

The Commission returned to public session at 11:40 a.m. Chair Tilly adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2005.

Approved by the Commission 9/15/05